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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting April 14, 2022 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Kathy Ward, Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico (electronically), Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair

The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video>.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Ms. Ward.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Mrs. Lyman reported the mask optional practice is going smoothly and Covid cases are quite low on average. She reiterated the recommendation to use home-testing as a mitigation strategy.

Mrs. Lyman shared an explanation and highlights from the 8th grade Witness Stone Project and how well the MMS greenhouse is growing and thriving. Goodwin School fourth graders are participating in a leadership pilot project in partnership with Villari Martial Arts.

Mrs. Paulhus arrived at 7:12pm.

Mrs. Lyman provided exciting events involving our teachers: Teacher of the Year Kim King and six other unified arts teachers traveled to NYC to participate in a taping of the Drew Barrymore Show - honoring teachers - to be aired next month. Vinton teachers Jennifer Zugarazo and Michelle Mather will be traveling to Denmark this summer to learn more about zero waste practices in other school districts through a grant they applied for and were awarded. MMS teacher Raechel Surprenant will travel both this and next summer to Smithsonian institutions to participate in science related studies.

Scott Pellman and Chip Daniel from Colliers presented the preliminary findings from the MMS Modernization Study and described the options for future renovations and improvements for the Board to consider.

Mrs. Lyman provided information regarding the return of the German Exchange Student Program in June. Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Allison to approve the Mansfield Middle School's request form for the field trip to

Camp Cody (Nature's Classroom in Freedom, New Hampshire), on June 5-7, 2022. Vote in favor with Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

Mrs. Deason presented an update on Mansfield Food Services including meal pricing and participation.

Mrs. Bradshaw-Hill explained how the Cafeteria Fund operates, its revenue/expenditure status and the importance of maintaining fund balance.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Picard to set the Mansfield Food Services meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year as follows: Elementary lunch \$2.75; Middle School lunch \$3.00; High School lunch \$3.50. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Picard for Healthy Food Certification: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Mansfield Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Morin for Connecticut Nutrition Standards Exclusion: The Mansfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverages items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

MMS Roof Project Update - Mrs. Lyman indicated there is drainage work being done and the solar panels are expected to be installed sometime this spring.

Update on School Building Project – Mrs. Lyman provided an update on the various sections of the new elementary school. At today's School Building Committee meeting, Newfield Construction Company indicated that delays in the delivery of essential mechanical and electrical equipment, and uncertainty about the site completion, have impacted the completion of Mansfield Elementary School.

The schedule revision identifies a substantial completion date of the building of October 5th and a substantial completion date of the site of October 28th, therefore, we must move forward with Plan B actions.

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NEW BUSINESS (if needed): None

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann the following items be approved. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the resignation of **Arban Nazarko**, Teacher at Mansfield Middle School; effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Allison to enter Executive Session at 9:27pm for the purpose of discussing non-renewals of teachers and invite Superintendent Lyman and Superintendent-elect Peter Dart. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Following Executive Session the Board returned to Regular Session at 9:38pm. Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Allison to approve Superintendent Lyman's recommendation of non-renewal of teachers. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Morin to adjourn at 9:39pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk